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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Briefing of House Science and Astronautics Committee  
on Soviet Space Capabilities**

1. Mr. Richard P. Hines, Staff Consultant, House Science and Astronautics Committee, called on behalf of the Chairman, Representative George P. Miller (D., Calif.), and requested a briefing by the Director of Central Intelligence on Soviet space capabilities as has been provided in previous years. Ten o'clock on Thursday, July 18 was suggested.
2. On Thursday, July 11, approval for the briefing was given at the Director's morning staff meeting.
3. Later in the day on Thursday, I met briefly with Mr. Hines and requested advice concerning specific areas of interest that the Committee would desire covered by the briefing. Mr. Hines indicated the following as types of topics and will provide more specific identification as it is available.
  - a. New booster development by Soviets.
  - b. Operational plans of Soviets for future space missions, i.e., orbiting, nuclear weapons, and perfection of rendezvous capabilities.
  - c. Any evidence of Soviet interference with spacecraft.
  - d. Any evidence of Soviet satellites entering the space business: Czechoslovakia or others for political or other purposes.
  - e. Any changes in Russian management of space programs, assignment of additional people etc. to the programs.

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Mr. Hines was quick to point out that the foregoing items are illustrative rather than definitive types of areas for suggested coverage.

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